

## ABSTRACT

**SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND METHOD FOR TREATING  
FEMALE URINARY INCONTINENCE**

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Described is a surgical instrument and method for treating female urinary stress incontinence. The instrument includes a first curved needle-like element defining in part a curved shaft having a distal end and a proximal, a mesh for implanting into the lower abdomen of a female to provide support to the urethra; a

10 second curved needle element having a proximal end and a distal end, and a coupler for simultaneous attachment to the distal end of the first needle and the distal end of the second needle.

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